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10 **BEFORE THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
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12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3423

13 **UPAS PHARMACY, INC., dba UPAS
PHARMACY; BRIAN WILLIAM
14 McKILLIP, President, Treasurer / Financial
Officer, Pharmacist-in-Charge
15 3332 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103**

A C C U S A T I O N

16 **Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 36112**

17 **BRIAN WILLIAM McKILLIP,
18 3541 Ingraham Street
San Diego, CA 92109**

19 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 32896**

20 Respondents.
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22 Complainant alleges:

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. Complainant Virginia Herold brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
25 the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.

26 2. On August 9, 1979, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 32896 to
27 Respondent Brian William McKillip. The license was in full force and effect at all times relevant
28 to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2010, unless renewed. Effective

1 April 28, 2002, the license was revoked, but the revocation was stayed for three years while
2 Respondent McKillip was placed and remained on probation.

3 3. On January 26, 1990, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36112 to
4 Respondent Upas Pharmacy, Inc. (Upas), to do business as Upas Pharmacy, with Respondent
5 Brian William McKillip as President, Treasurer / Financial Officer, and Pharmacist-in-Charge.
6 The permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
7 expire on January 1, 2011, unless renewed.

8 JURISDICTION

9 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, under
10 the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions
11 Code unless otherwise indicated.

12 5. Section 4300, subdivision (a) of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides,
13 in pertinent part, that every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

14 6. Section 4302 of the Code provides that the board may revoke any license of a
15 corporation where conditions exist in relation to any person holding 10 percent or more of the
16 corporate stock of the corporation, or where conditions exist in relation to any officer or director
17 of the corporation that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.

18 7. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration,
19 surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a
20 disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued
21 or reinstated.

22 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

23 8. Section 4022 of the Code states:

24 "Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for
25 self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

26 (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing
27 without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

28 (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this
device to sale by or on the order of a _____," "Rx only," or words of similar
import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use

or order use of the device.

(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.

9. Section 4059, subsection (a), of the Code states:

A person may not furnish any dangerous drug except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7.

10. Section 4063 of the Code states:

No prescription for any dangerous drug or dangerous device may be refilled except upon authorization of the prescriber. The authorization may be given orally or at the time of giving the original prescription. No prescription for any dangerous drug that is a controlled substance may be designated refillable as needed.

11. Section 4081 of the Code states in pertinent part:

(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by every . . . pharmacy . . . holding a currently valid and unrevoked certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices.

12. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

....

(b) Incompetence.

(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

....

(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

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13. Section 4332 of the Code states:

Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by Section 4081 or who, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the board, fails, neglects, or refuses to provide the records within a reasonable time, or who willfully produces or furnishes records that are false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

14. Section 11153 of the Health and Safety (H&S) Code states in pertinent part:

(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. Except as authorized by this division, the following are not legal prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which is issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research; or (2) an order for an addict or habitual user of controlled substances, which is issued not in the course of professional treatment or as part of an authorized narcotic treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with controlled substances, sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use.

15. Section 11158 of the H&S Code states in pertinent part:

(a) Except as provided in Section 11159 or in subdivision (b) of this section, no controlled substance classified in Schedule II shall be dispensed without a prescription meeting the requirements of this chapter. Except as provided in Section 11159 or when dispensed directly to an ultimate user by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist or pharmacy, no controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V may be dispensed without a prescription meeting the requirements of this chapter.

(b) A practitioner specified in Section 11150 may dispense directly to an ultimate user a controlled substance classified in Schedule II in an amount not to exceed a 72-hour supply for the patient in accordance with directions for use given by the dispensing practitioner only where the patient is not expected to require any additional amount of the controlled substance beyond the 72 hours. Practitioners dispensing drugs pursuant to this subdivision shall meet the requirements of subdivision (f) of Section 11164.

16. Section 11159.2 of the H&S Code states in pertinent part:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescription for a controlled substance for use by a patient who has a terminal illness may be written on a prescription form that does not meet the requirements of Section 11162.1 if the prescription meets the following requirements:

(1) Contain the information specified in subdivision (a) of Section 11164.

(2) Indicate that the prescriber has certified that the patient is terminally ill by the words "11159.2 exemption."

1 (b) A pharmacist may fill a prescription pursuant to this section when there is a
2 technical error in the certification required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a),
3 provided that he or she has personal knowledge of the patient's terminal illness, and
4 subsequently returns the prescription to the prescriber for correction within 72 hours.

5 17. Section 11162.1 of the H&S Code states:

6 (a) The prescription forms for controlled substances shall be printed with the
7 following features:

8 (1) A latent, repetitive "void" pattern shall be printed across the entire
9 front of the prescription blank; if a prescription is scanned or photocopied, the word
10 "void" shall appear in a pattern across the entire front of the prescription.

11 (2) A watermark shall be printed on the backside of the prescription
12 blank; the watermark shall consist of the words "California Security Prescription."

13 (3) A chemical void protection that prevents alteration by chemical
14 washing.

15 (4) A feature printed in thermochromic ink.

16 (5) An area of opaque writing so that the writing disappears if the
17 prescription is lightened.

18 (6) A description of the security features included on each prescription
19 form.

20 (7) (A) Six quantity check off boxes shall be printed on the form and the
21 following quantities shall appear:

22 1-24

23 25-49

24 50-74

25 75-100

26 101-150

27 151 and over.

28 (B) In conjunction with the quantity boxes, a space shall be provided to
designate the units referenced in the quantity boxes when the drug is not in tablet or
capsule form.

(8) Prescription blanks shall contain a statement printed on the bottom of
the prescription blank that the "Prescription is void if the number of drugs prescribed
is not noted."

(9) The preprinted name, category of licensure, license number, federal
controlled substance registration number of the prescribing practitioner.

(10) Check boxes shall be printed on the form so that the prescriber may
indicate the number of refills ordered.

1 (11) The date of origin of the prescription.

2 (12) A check box indicating the prescriber's order not to substitute.

3 (13) An identifying number assigned to the approved security printer by
4 the Department of Justice.

5 (14)(A) A check box by the name of each prescriber when a prescription
6 form lists multiple prescribers.

7 (B) Each prescriber who signs the prescription form shall identify himself
8 or herself as the prescriber by checking the box by his or her name.

9 (b) Each batch of controlled substance prescription forms shall have the lot
10 number printed on the form and each form within that batch shall be numbered
11 sequentially beginning with the numeral one.

12 (c)(1) A prescriber designated by a licensed health care facility, a clinic
13 specified in Section 1200, or a clinic specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1206 that
14 has 25 or more physicians or surgeons may order controlled substance prescription
15 forms for use by prescribers when treating patients in that facility without the
16 information required in paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) or paragraph (3) of this
17 subdivision.

18 (2) Forms ordered pursuant to this subdivision shall have the name,
19 category of licensure, license number, and federal controlled substance registration
20 number of the designated prescriber and the name, address, category of licensure, and
21 license number of the licensed health care facility the clinic specified in Section 1200,
22 or the clinic specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1206 that has 25 or more
23 physicians or surgeons preprinted on the form.

24 (3) Forms ordered pursuant to this section shall not be valid prescriptions
25 without the name, category of licensure, license number, and federal controlled
26 substance registration number of the prescriber on the form.

27 (4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the designated prescriber
28 shall maintain a record of the prescribers to whom the controlled substance
prescription forms are issued, that shall include the name, category of licensure,
license number, federal controlled substance registration number, and quantity of
controlled substance prescription forms issued to each prescriber. The record shall be
maintained in the health facility for three years.

(B) Forms ordered pursuant to this subdivision that are printed by a
computerized prescription generation system shall not be subject to subparagraph (A),
or paragraph (7) of subdivision (a). Forms printed pursuant to this subdivision that are
printed by a computerized prescription generation system may contain the prescriber's
name, category of professional licensure, license number, federal controlled substance
registration number, and the date of the prescription.

(d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2004.

18. Section 11164 of the H&S Code states:

Except as provided in Section 11167, no person shall prescribe a controlled
substance, nor shall any person fill, compound, or dispense a prescription for a
controlled substance, unless it complies with the requirements of this section.

1 (a) Each prescription for a controlled substance classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V,
2 except as authorized by subdivision (b), shall be made on a controlled substance
prescription form as specified in Section 11162.1 and shall meet the following
requirements:

3 (1) The prescription shall be signed and dated by the prescriber in ink and shall
4 contain the prescriber's address and telephone number; the name of the ultimate user
or research subject, or contact information as determined by the Secretary of the
5 United States Department of Health and Human Services; refill information, such as
the number of refills ordered and whether the prescription is a first-time request or a
6 refill; and the name, quantity, strength, and directions for use of the controlled
substance prescribed.

7 (2) The prescription shall also contain the address of the person for whom the
8 controlled substance is prescribed. If the prescriber does not specify this address on
the prescription, the pharmacist filling the prescription or an employee acting under
9 the direction of the pharmacist shall write or type the address on the prescription or
maintain this information in a readily retrievable form in the pharmacy.

10 (b)(1) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11162.1, any
11 controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V may be dispensed upon an
oral or electronically transmitted prescription, which shall be produced in hard copy
12 form and signed and dated by the pharmacist filling the prescription or by any other
person expressly authorized by provisions of the Business and Professions Code. Any
13 person who transmits, maintains, or receives any electronically transmitted
prescription shall ensure the security, integrity, authority, and confidentiality of the
14 prescription.

15 (2) The date of issue of the prescription and all the information required for a written
16 prescription by subdivision (a) shall be included in the written record of the
prescription; the pharmacist need not include the address, telephone number, license
17 classification, or federal registry number of the prescriber or the address of the patient
on the hard copy, if that information is readily retrievable in the pharmacy.

18 (3) Pursuant to an authorization of the prescriber, any agent of the prescriber on
19 behalf of the prescriber may orally or electronically transmit a prescription for a
controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V, if in these cases the written
20 record of the prescription required by this subdivision specifies the name of the agent
of the prescriber transmitting the prescription.

21 (c) The use of commonly used abbreviations shall not invalidate an otherwise
valid prescription.

22 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivisions (a) and (b), prescriptions for
23 a controlled substance classified in Schedule V may be for more than one person in
the same family with the same medical need.

24 (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2005.

25 19. Section 11167.5 of the H&S Code states in pertinent part:

26 (a) An order for a controlled substance classified in Schedule II for a patient of
27 a licensed skilled nursing facility, a licensed intermediate care facility, a licensed
home health agency, or a licensed hospice may be dispensed upon an oral or
28 electronically transmitted prescription. If the prescription is transmitted orally, the
pharmacist shall, prior to filling the prescription, reduce the prescription to writing in

1 ink in the handwriting of the pharmacist on a form developed by the pharmacy for
2 this purpose. If the prescription is transmitted electronically, the pharmacist shall,
3 prior to filling the prescription, produce, sign, and date a hard copy prescription. The
4 prescriptions shall contain the date the prescription was orally or electronically
5 transmitted by the prescriber, the name of the person for whom the prescription was
6 authorized, the name and address of the licensed skilled nursing facility, licensed
7 intermediate care facility, licensed home health agency, or licensed hospice in which
8 that person is a patient, the name and quantity of the controlled substance prescribed,
9 the directions for use, and the name, address, category of professional licensure,
10 license number, and federal controlled substance registration number of the
11 prescriber. The original shall be properly endorsed by the pharmacist with the
12 pharmacy's state license number, the name and address of the pharmacy, and the
13 signature of the person who received the controlled substances for the licensed skilled
14 nursing facility, licensed intermediate care facility, licensed home health agency, or
15 licensed hospice. A licensed skilled nursing facility, a licensed intermediate care
16 facility, a licensed home health agency, or a licensed hospice shall forward to the
17 dispensing pharmacist a copy of any signed telephone orders, chart orders, or related
18 documentation substantiating each oral or electronically transmitted prescription
19 transaction under this section.

20 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

21 20. California Code of Regulations, title 16 (Regulations), section 1718 states:

22 "Current Inventory" as used in Sections 4081 and 4332 of the Business and
23 Professions Code shall be considered to include complete accountability for all
24 dangerous drugs handled by every licensee enumerated in Sections 4081 and 4332.
25 The controlled substances inventories required by Title 21, CFR, Section 1304 shall
26 be available for inspection upon request for at least 3 years after the date of the
27 inventory.

28 COST RECOVERY

29 21. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
30 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
31 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
32 enforcement of the case.

33 DRUG

34 22. Ontak, generic name Denileukin Diftitox, is an anticancer drug classified as a
35 dangerous drug by Code section 4022.

36 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS PERTAINING TO JULY 6, 2007 COMPLAINT

37 23. On July 6, 2007, the Board received a written complaint from the Department of
38 Healthcare Services (DHS). The DHS alleged Upas was filling prescriptions without a written
order, in violation of H&S Code, sections 11153 and 11158, and that the filling of the

1 prescriptions without a written order did not fall within the exceptions under H&S Code, sections
2 11159.2 and 11167.5. The Board investigated the written complaint and found as follows.

3 24. The Board's Inspector examined the prescription files of the Schedule II drugs and
4 discovered that Upas was filling faxed and oral prescriptions for Schedule II drugs and the
5 pharmacists at Upas were writing in the exemption under H&S Code, section 11159.2. A
6 pharmacist and pharmacy technician employed by Upas informed the Inspector that the
7 prescriptions were faxed and telephoned into Upas from a cancer center, that Upas filled and
8 delivered the prescriptions to the patients, and later obtained the prescriptions from the cancer
9 center office once weekly. The pharmacist told the Inspector that Respondent McKillip had told
10 him that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) had given him permission to follow this
11 less formal procedure because these were cancer patients, even though the pharmacist had
12 informed Respondent McKillip that this was wrong.

13 25. On June 18, 2008, the Inspector requested and received from DHS a printout of the
14 Medi-Cal billing for the drug, Ontak, for Upas for the period from June 1, 2006, through August
15 31, 2006. The printout showed that during this period Upas billed and was paid for 84 ml of
16 Ontak, which is 7 boxes, each containing 6 vials x 2ml Ontak 150.

17 26. On June 20, 2008, the Inspector received a written statement he had requested from
18 Respondent McKillip regarding an audit and unauthorized prescriptions for patients of a Dr. S. In
19 it, McKillip stated he was told by a physician that the H&S Code section 11159.2 exemption
20 could be used for terminally ill patients, but during the audit realized that three to four patients
21 did not meet the requirements of this provision. McKillip stated Upas was now picking up the
22 prescriptions daily, and that he did not fully comprehend the law regarding section 11159.2.

23 27. On June 15, 2008, the Inspector received the patient profiles produced by Upas
24 showing that patient Myrtle G. had received 12ml (or 1 box of 6 x 2ml) of Ontak on 8/8/06,
25 8/3/06, 8/1/06, 7/11/06 7/31/06, 7/10/06 and 7/6/06, which were billed to Medi-Cal, and 6 ml on
26 6/29/06 and 6/26/06, which were billed to CMS (County Medical Services) for a total of 8 vials.
27 The Inspector also received a copy of DHS' July 31, 2007 letter to Upas, which showed Medi-Cal
28 was billed for 7 boxes of Ontak; and three invoices from Cardinal Health to Upas for Ontak

1 purchases. However, comparison of the invoices to the Medi-Cal billing and to Myrtle G.'s
2 patient profile revealed that Upas was shorted and overbilled for 2 boxes of Ontak, in violation of
3 the record and inventory requirements of Code section 4081 and Regulations, section 1718.

4 28. On July 3, 2008, the Inspector entered the prescriptions for Schedule II drugs
5 obtained from Upas into a spread sheet. Analysis of that data shows that out of 194 prescriptions:

6 a. 62 schedule II controlled substances prescriptions were faxed to
7 Upas and dispensed in violation of H&S Code, section 11167.5, subdivision (a), 47
8 of which were processed by RPH McKillip, 4 by RPH Perry, and 11 by RPH Frank;

9 b. Upas dispensed 117 schedule II controlled substance prescriptions by
10 adding the wording "11159.2 exemption," in violation of H&S Code, section 11159.2
11 subdivision (a)(2), 66 of which were processed by RPH McKillip, 24 by RPH Perry,
12 and 27 by RPH Frank; and

13 c. Upas dispensed 128 oral prescriptions of Schedule II drugs, of which
14 74 were processed by RPH McKillip, 32 by RPH Perry, and 21 by RPH Frank.

15 29. On July 29, 2008, the Inspector sent a Written Notice of violations charged to
16 Respondents Upas and McKillip. On August 20, 2008, McKillip's counsel faxed a reply to the
17 Written Notice to the Inspector, which the Board received on August 22, 2008. Though the reply
18 was a statement signed by McKillip under penalty of perjury, it was substantively only a repeat of
19 his June 20, 2008 statement, described in paragraph 26, above.

20 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

21 (Unprofessional Conduct – Furnishing Without A Prescription)

22 30. Respondents Upas Pharmacy and McKillip are subject to disciplinary action under
23 section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o) of the Code for violation of the Pharmacy Act and laws
24 regulating drugs in that they furnished prescription medications without prescriptions therefor, or
25 without proper exemptions from the prescription requirement, in violation of Code section 4059,
26 and H&S Code section 11167.5, subdivision (a), and as detailed in paragraphs 23-29, above.

27 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

28 (Unprofessional Conduct: Incompetence)

32. Respondent McKillip's pharmacist license is subject to disciplinary action for
unprofessional conduct under Code section 4301, subdivision (b) for incompetence, because in
managing the operations of Upas, and in filling prescriptions, he demonstrated that he lacked the

1 requisite knowledge, ability, or skill of a competent PIC to practice pharmacy within the standard
2 of care governing pharmacists, as detailed in paragraphs 23-29, above.

3 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Failure to Maintain Dangerous Drugs Acquisition Records and Current Inventory)**

5 33. Respondents Upas and McKillip are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,
6 subdivision (o) of the Code for violation of the Pharmacy Act and Regulations, in that they failed
7 to maintain purchase records for two vials of Ontak, 150 mcg, resulting in an inaccurate inventory
8 in violation of Regulations, section 1718, and Code section 4081, subdivision (a), as detailed in
9 paragraphs 23-29, above.

10 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 **(Failure to Produce or Provide Pharmacy Records)**

12 34. Respondents Upas and McKillip are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,
13 subdivision (o) of the Code for violation of the Pharmacy Act in that they failed, neglected, or
14 refused to provide invoices to the Pharmacy Inspector for two vials of Ontak 150mcg, in violation
15 of Code, sections 4081, subdivision (a), and 4332, as detailed in paragraphs 23-29, above.

16 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS PERTAINING TO DECEMBER 12, 2007 COMPLAINT**

17 35. On December 12, 2007, the Board received an on-line complaint from the office of
18 Dr. S., a physician with offices located up the street from Respondent Upas. Dr. S. alleged that
19 Respondents Upas and McKillip were filling prescriptions without authorization from his office.
20 Dr. S.'s office staff stated some of their patients receiving prescriptions without authorization
21 were Joanne C., Cheryl T., Jennifer A., and Carl H.

22 36. During his May 30, 2008, visit to Upas, the Inspector completed an Inspection Report
23 and asked to see the Doctor's Utilization Report (DUR) for Dr. S. for all patients for the last two
24 years, and patient profiles for Joanne C., Cheryl T., Jennifer A., Carl H., Ronald F., Theresa H.,
25 and Marizel P., including prescription numbers, dates, drugs, third party insurance, and patient
26 addresses information.

27 37. On June 15, 2008, the Inspector received the patient profiles for Ronald F., Marizel
28 P., Theresa H., Carl H., Joanne C., Jennifer A., and Cheryl T.; and the DUR for Dr. S. On June

1 18, 2008, the Inspector sent a letter to Dr. S. with the patient profiles of Carl H., Joanne C.,
2 Cheryl T., and Jennifer A., asking him to determine if the prescription refills allegedly authorized
3 by him were in fact authorized by him. On July 17, 2008, the Inspector received Dr. S.'s reply,
4 which included the patient profiles for Carl H. Jennifer A., Cheryl T., and Joanne C. The
5 Inspector's review of these documents showed that:

- 6 a. Upas filled seven unauthorized prescriptions for Carl H.;
- 7 b. Upas filled seven unauthorized prescriptions for Jennifer A.;
- 8 c. Upas filled eleven unauthorized prescriptions for Cheryl T.; and
- 9 d. Upas filled two unauthorized prescriptions for Joanne C.

10 38. On July 29, 2008, the Inspector sent a Written Notice of violations charged to
11 Respondents Upas and McKillip. On August 20, 2008, McKillip's counsel faxed a reply to the
12 Written Notice to the Inspector, which the Board received on August 22, 2008. Though the reply
13 was a statement signed by McKillip under penalty of perjury, it was substantively only a repeat of
14 his June 20, 2008 statement, described in paragraph 26, above.

15 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Violating Pharmacy Laws)**

17 39. Respondents Upas Pharmacy and McKillip are subject to disciplinary action under
18 section 4301, subdivision (o) of the Code for violation of the Pharmacy Act, in that they furnished
19 prescription medications without prescriptions therefor, in violation of Code section 4059,
20 subdivision (a), as detailed in paragraphs 35—38, above.

21 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 **(Filing of Non-Compliant Schedule II Prescriptions)**

23 40. Respondents Upas and McKillip are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,
24 subdivisions (j) and (o) of the Code for violation of the Pharmacy Act and laws regulating drugs
25 in that they filled 25 prescriptions for controlled substances and dangerous drugs without the
26 authorization of the prescriber, in violation of Code section 4063, and H&S Code, sections 11158
27 and 11167.5, subdivision (a), as detailed in paragraphs 35—38, above.

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1 DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

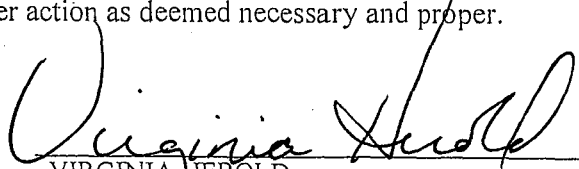
2 41. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondents,
3 Complainant alleges that on April 28, 2002, in a prior proceeding on Accusation Case No. 2396,
4 Respondents Upas and McKillip admitted the truth of the allegations pled against them in
5 Accusation Case No. 2396, and agreed that their Pharmacy Permit and Pharmacist License were
6 subject to discipline and to be bound by the Board's revoking Respondents' permit and pharmacy
7 license, stayed for three years; suspending Respondent McKillip's license for 120 days; ordering
8 Respondents to pay the Board \$4,152 as costs; and additional terms of probation as set forth in
9 the Disciplinary Order of that date, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

10 **PRAYER**

11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
12 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 13 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PRY 32896 issued to Upas
14 Pharmacy, Inc., dba Upas Pharmacy, Brian William McKillip, President, Treasurer / Financial
15 Officer, Pharmacist-in-Charge;
- 16 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 36112, issued to Brian W.
17 McKillip, RPH;
- 18 3. Ordering Brian W. McKillip, RPH and/or Upas Pharmacy, Inc., dba Upas Pharmacy,
19 Brian William McKillip, President, Treasurer / Financial Officer, Pharmacist-in-Charge to pay
20 the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,
21 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
- 22 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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24 DATED: 6/9/10

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26 VIRGINIA HEROLD
27 Executive Officer
28 Board of Pharmacy
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant